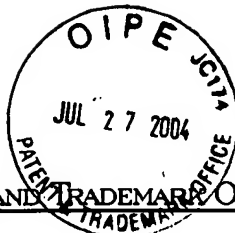




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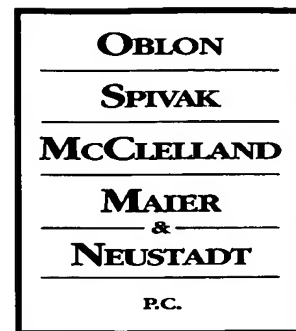
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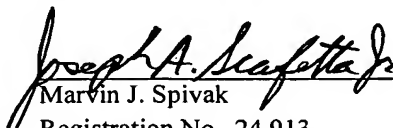
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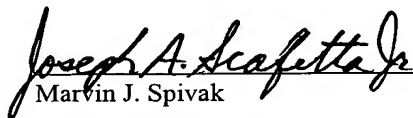
Responsive to the notification dated May 27, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

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